

SITUATION REPORT NO. 1
INCIDENT NO. 2000- 074
DATE: August 14, 2000 TIME: 11:00 A.M.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Damaging winds in excess of 110 mph cut a path of destruction over several miles to include the city of Devils Lake, its rural sub-divisions, and the Sprit Lake Nation.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No deaths and one serious injury were reported. There are accounts of lacerations and debris inflicted injuries.
3. DAMAGES: Millions of dollars in damages to include: residential, public and business structural damages; loss of power for extensive periods: and tremendous debris clearance requirements that include losses of thousands of trees, personal property, and tribal property have been reported. The majority of the power was restored by mid morning on Sunday, August 13.

Extensive damage (initially estimated at between \$10-\$15 million) has occurred to transmission facilities of Great River Energy Power Cooperative. Assessment of those damages is underway.

On Spirit Lake Nation, damage has been noted to the Casino, some private residences, and to a housing project currently under construction utilizing modular homes which have been extensively damaged as a result of the storm.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Local government commitments as reported included manpower, equipment, and resources from law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, communications, public works and emergency management.

STATE: Help from the North Dakota National Guard, the Highway Patrol, Department of Transportation, Governor's Office, State Radio, and N.D. Division of Emergency Management has been provided.

FEDERAL: U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has monitored projects in the area. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has been notified.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: The American Red Cross will open a Service Center in Devils Lake today and estimates costs of ten to fifty thousand dollars to meet needs. Hundreds of volunteers are assisting with debris

clearance. The Salvation Army has set up two mobile units and one stationary unit to supply food and beverages to responders and victims.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: Saturday and Sunday efforts concentrated largely on debris clearance with emphasis to clear transportation routes and restore power.

Highway 20 traffic was rerouted by the N.D. Highway Patrol due to a power line blocking access.

Local officials have issued emergency declarations, implemented local plans, and activated local emergency operations centers.

The State Emergency Operations Plan has been implemented and the Governor has issued an emergency declaration as of August 14, based on the damaging winds in the Devils Lake area.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Cleanup resources have been contracted by the city. The state has provided clean-up assistance through the N.D. National Guard and the Department of Transportation.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: American Red Cross, Salvation Army, N.D. National Guard, Department of Transportation, Highway Patrol and other State Department/Agencies from locally based facilities.

OTHER: State/local officials are conducting initial damage assessment beginning today to determine impacts and requirements/eligibility for supplemental assistance.

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